IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: PANDIAN et al.

Title: METHODS AND KITS FOR

DETECTING ITA IN A BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE

Appl. No.: 10/716,739

Appl. Filing Date: 11/18/2003

Examiner: Gary W. Counts

Art Unit: 1641

Confirmation 6774

Number:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
 - a. Previously submitted:

[]	Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on
[]	Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on but not considered.
[]	Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on
b. Er	closed are:
[X]	Amendment/Reply.
[]	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
[]	Information Disclosure Statement.
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Miscellaneous

Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37
 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of __ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For		y Extra Claims Present		Rate			Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):	riniciaca		r aid r or		resent		\$790.00	=	\$790.00
Total Claims:	14	-	20	=	0	х	\$50.00	=	\$0.00
Independents	3	-	3	=	0	х	\$200.00	=	\$0.00
First p	resentation o	f any	Multiple I	Рере	endent Claims:	+	\$360.00	=	\$0.00
					CLAIMS	FEE	TOTAL:	=	\$790.00

[[]X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[] Exter	sion for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00 0	\$0.00
[] Exter	sion for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00	\$0.00
[] Exter	sion for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00	\$0.00
[] Exter	nsion for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00	\$0.00
[X] Exter	sion for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00	\$2,160.00
	\$2,160.00		
	\$0.00		
	\$2,160.00		
	\$2,950.00		
[]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½	of above):	\$0.00
[]	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R	§ 1.103(c)	\$0.00
	TC	TAL FEE:	\$2,950.00

The above-identified fees of \$2,950.00 are being paid by credit card via EFS-Web.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 07/30/2007
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